

-- 6. A method of manufacturing a floor panel, comprising a medial or supporting layer onto the area of support of which a stress compensating means can be applied and onto the surface of which a plurality of parquet strips can be applied, characterized in that before glueing with the supporting layer an impregnation is applied onto the faces of each parquet strip at least over a part of their elevation. --

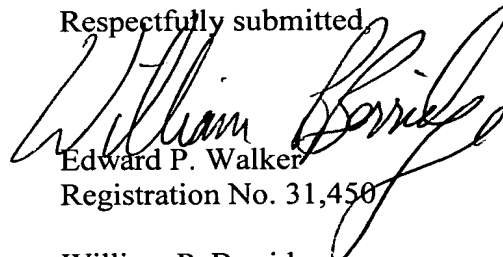
-- 7. A parquet element including a plurality of parquet strips according to claim 2 which are arranged on a supporting layer. --

#### REMARKS

Claims 2, 3 and 5-7 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1 and 4 are cancelled, claims 5-6 are added in their place, and claim 3 is amended and claim 7 is added to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Attachment: Appendix

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## APPENDIX

## Changes to Claims:

Claims 1 and 4 are canceled.

Claims 5-7 are added.

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claims:

2.     (Amended) A parquet strip according to claim ~~1~~ 5, characterized in that the impregnation extends over the entire elevation of the narrow sides ~~(8,10)~~ and/or the long sides ~~(4,6)~~.
3.     (Amended) A parquet element including a plurality of parquet strips ~~(2)~~ according to claim ~~1 or 2~~ 5 which are arranged on a supporting layer ~~(18)~~.

## APPENDIX

## Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

5.     (Amended) A parquet strip as a part of a parquet element including two long sides and two narrow sides, an impregnation being supplied onto the faces of ~~the long sides and the~~ narrow sides at least over a part of their elevation.
6.     (Amended) A method of manufacturing a floor panel, comprising a medial or supporting layer onto the area of support of which a stress compensating means can be applied and onto the surface of which a plurality of parquet strips can be applied, characterized in that before glueing with the supporting layer an impregnation is applied onto the faces of the narrow sides of each parquet strip at least over a part of their elevation.